

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of Bishop, et al.)
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Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 09/652,899)
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Filed: April 9, 2004)
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For: **Methods and Apparatus for**)
 Conducting Electronic)
 Transactions)
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Examiner: Not yet assigned)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this preliminary amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.115, along with the filing of the new divisional application. Applicants respectfully request the following amendments be entered in the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.